

Revised: October 11, 2013

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING IN 2013
of the
WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
and the
DROUGHT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**October 14-16, 2013
New Mexico State University Golf Course
3000 Herb Wimberly Drive
Las Cruces**

**DROUGHT SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA
Monday, October 14**

- 12:00 noon **Call to Order and Welcome**
—Senator Joseph Cervantes, Chair, Drought Subcommittee
—Dan Howard, Provost, New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- 12:15 p.m. (1) **Gila River and Arizona Water Settlements Act**
—Craig Roepke, Interstate Stream Commission (ISC)
—John Cornell, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
—Santa Rosa de Lima A.T.O.M.I.C. Youth Group
—Richard McInturff, City of Deming
—Alex Thall, Grant Soil and Water Conservation District (invited)
—Lori Weigel, Public Opinion Strategies
- 2:00 p.m. (2) **Plains of San Agustin Ground Water Appropriation**
—Michel Jislinski, Project Manager, Augustin Plains Ranch, LLC
—Eileen Dodds, Anita Hand and Linn Kennedy, San Augustin Water
Coalition
- 3:00 p.m. (3) **Agricultural Water Conservation Hydrology**
—Sam Fernald, Director, Water Resources Research Institute
—Gary Esslinger, Treasurer-Manager, Elephant Butte Irrigation District
(EBID)
—J. Phillip King, Civil Engineering Department, NMSU
—Steve Wilmeth, South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management
Coalition
—Dino Cervantes, Cervantes Agribusiness
—Scott Verhines, State Engineer
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

FULL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Welcome**
—Senator Phil A. Griego, Chair, Water and Natural Resources Committee
—Gregory Fant, Deputy Provost, NMSU
- 9:05 a.m. (4) **How the Rio Grande Compact Functions**
—Phil King, EBID
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, ISC
- 10:15 a.m. (5) **Issues in Litigation — *State of New Mexico v. U.S. et al.* and *State of Texas v. State of New Mexico and State of Colorado***
—Steve Hernandez, Attorney, EBID
—Counsel for El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (invited)
—Jay Stein, Attorney for the City of Las Cruces
—Sarah Bond, Office of the Attorney General
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (6) **Update on Statewide Precipitation and Reservoir Levels**
—Dave DuBois, New Mexico State Climatologist
—Scott Verhines, State Engineer
- 1:30 p.m. (7) **Working with Water Users to Address Water Shortages**
—Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, ISC
—Fred Vigil, Rio Chama Acequia Association
—Medardo Sanchez, Acequia Norteños
—David Gensler, Middle Rio Grande Conservation District
- 2:30 p.m. (8) **Review of the State and Regional Water Plans, the Water Trust Fund and Funding Through the Water Project Fund by the Water Trust Board**
—Scott Verhines, State Engineer
—Estevan Lopez, Director, ISC
—Steve Moise, State Investment Officer
—Eileen Dodds, New Mexico Water Dialogue
—Jack Sullivan, P.E.
- 4:00 p.m. (9) **Hispanic Farmers and Ranchers of America (HFRA) Presentation'**
—Lupe Garcia, Director, HFRA
—Oscar Vasquez Butler, Member, HFRA
—Scott Boyd, Member, HFRA
- 5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. (10) **Humate Mining and Water Conservation**
—T.J. Trujillo, Gallagher and Kennedy PA
—Michael Farmar, President/CEO, Horizon Ag-Products
- 10:00 a.m. (11) **Process for Removal of Cattle from Forest Lands in Drought**
—Caren Cowan, New Mexico Cattlegrowers' Association
—Sam Smallidge, Range Improvement Task Force (invited)
—United States Forest Service Representative (invited)
- 11:00 a.m. (12) **Treatment of Water for Uranium Contamination**
—Jaime Geronimo Vela, Doctoral Student, NMSU
—Dr. Antonio Lara, Professor of Chemistry, NMSU
- 12:00 noon (13) **Hydraulic Fracturing and Produced Water Reuse**
—David Martin, Secretary-Designate, Energy, Minerals and Natural
Resources Department
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**